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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Certain posts have been classified as tenure posts, the incumbents of which ought not to remain in those posts for more than three years. These posts have not been classified as such."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether these officers will be classified as such?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"That question was once considered by the Government and dropped."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"In view of the answer that has just been given, may I know if the hon. the Minister will consider again the desirability of bringing these posts also under tenure posts?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I have already said that I would consider the desirability of transferring these officers. This is a new question; and I shall consider this also."

Need for the abolition of the post of the Deputy Directress.

* 347 Q.—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a post of Deputy Directress in the office of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras;

(b) what is the approximate annual expenditure incurred by retaining this post by way of—(1) pay, (2) special pay, (3) overseas pay, (4) local allowance, (5) travelling allowance and (6) other allowances, if any;

(c) whether a similar post exists in any of the other major provinces of India;

(d) what will be the annual saving that will be effected by abolishing this post; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to abolish this post in connexion with the proposals for the retrenchment of public expenditure?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The post is held by an officer of the I.E.S. Women's branch. The present incumbent draws Rs. 625 a month in the scale of pay of the ordinary grade of the service, Rs. 400—25—850 with an overseas pay of Rs. 100 a month. She is also granted a special pay of Rs. 100 and house-rent allowance of Rs. 100 a month.

The amount spent on the travelling allowance of the Deputy Directress from July 1930 to June 1931 was Rs. 847.

(c) Similar posts exist in Bihar and Orissa and in the Punjab.

(d) The eventual saving will be the expenditure referred to in the answer to clause (b).

(e) The retrenchment proposals in the Education Department are still under the consideration of the Retrenchment Committee and the recommendations of the Committee have not been received by the Government yet.

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Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know the special reason for retaining the Deputy Directress in her office for such a long time ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" There was no special reason to remove her; that is all I can say. "

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know if the hon. the Minister is not aware that there is a reason for removing her ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I am not at present in a position to say anything about that, without a longer notice than this. "

Deputy Directress of Public Instruction.

* 348 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) who is the Deputy Directress of Public Instruction;

(*b*) how long she has been holding that appointment;

(*c*) whether there are any Indian women officers of the Indian Educational Service who are seniors to her; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to appoint an Indian woman officer to the post of Deputy Directress of Public Instruction?

A.—(*a*) Miss Irene H. Lowe.

(*b*) She has been holding the post since the 17th August 1926. During this period she has been on leave for about eleven months.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

Tours made by the Deputy Directress of Public Instruction.

* 349 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI:— Will the hon the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what tours were made by the Deputy Directress of Public Instruction during each of the months from July 1930 to June 1931;

(*b*) what expenditure was incurred on travelling allowance in respect of these tours during each of these months; and

(*c*) what specific work was done by the Deputy Directress in each of these tours?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The following statement gives the information:—

Month.	Districts visited.	Expenditure on travelling allowance.
July 1930 ..	.. Vizagapatam and East Godavari.	About Rs. 107
January 1931	.. North Arcot	61
March 1931	.. Guntur	105
	South Arcot and Tanjore ..	91
	Chingleput	32
June 1931 ..	.. Coimbatore	451
	Malabar	
	Anantapur	
	Bellary	
	Kurnool	
	Cuddapah	